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Comment: The unusually strong restrictive measures, the repeatedly observed shipments of rockets (Flugkoerper) to the restricted areas, and the construction of bunkers and barracks indicate that the Soviets have established major depots and stationary rocket-launching bases (stationaere Abschussbasen fuer Flugkoerper) around Taurage. The installations were expected to be completed by late 1960.)

1. In 1958-1959, the Soviets began the following activities in the Tauroggen /Taurage/ area:

- a. Surveying;
- b. Clearing the forest;
- c. Restricting districts;
- d. Supplying construction machines and material.

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2. The restricted areas were located:

- a. In the southern districts of Tauroggen, bounded:
 - 1) On the north by the Tilsit /Sovetsk/ (EG 5704) - Tauroggen (EG-8224) - Sakalyne /Sakaliné/ (EG 9018) road;

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- 2) On the west by the newly improved Dunaki [Dunokai] (EG 8218) - Szuigken [Zukai] (EG 8008) road;
- 3) On the east by the Sakalyne - Pasventis [Pašventys] (EG 0205) road;
- 4) On the south by the Memel [Neman] River.

In this area, the "Pfundberg" [Svaru Kalnai] (EG 8614) south of Tatarino, the Meyshi [Meiziai] (EG 8417) - Pomeyshi [Pameiziai] (EG 8617) - Sakalyne district, and the district around Wischwill [Viešvilė] (EG 8903) were the main points of restriction.

- b.. Northwest of Tauroggen in the Tyrele [Tyruliai] Forest (EG 7230).
- c. Northeast of Tauroggen on both sides of the Tauroggen-Skaidvilė road at approximately EG 8527.
3. The residents in the restricted areas were evacuated. The restricted areas were partially secured by electrified barbed wire and watchtowers; warning signs were erected in the areas. The work was done by Soviet Army construction units. The construction material was shipped by civilian drivers to the boundaries of the restricted areas; from there, Soviet soldiers conveyed the material to the restricted areas.
4. The following construction projects were known:
 - a. A road system connecting the restricted areas with one another and with the major highways;
 - b. A branch line from the restricted district in the southern area of Tauroggen to the Tauroggen-Schaulen [Šiauliai] railroad line;
 - c. Underground and aboveground concrete structures.
5. A map of the area, with the legend given below

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Legend

1. Area north of Tauroggen, restricted since the spring of 1959. Supply of construction materials observed.
2. Tyrele Forest, restricted since the winter of 1958-1959. The following measures indicated that a fuel depot (Betriebsstofflager) had been established in the northern part of the forest near approximately EG 7034, and that a field gun depot or a firing emplacement for field guns B/B had been established (ein FK-Lager oder eine Abschussstellung fuer FK B/B [Feldkoerpern Boden/Boden?] gebaut wurden) in the south near about EG 7229:
 - a. Shipments of fuel tanks, 6 by 2.5 meters, on flat-bed trailers to the northern part of the forest, and a branch line of the Riga-Tilsit pipeline leading to the same section;
 - b. Seven shipments [?], each consisting of 12 field guns allegedly 15-17 meters long, on three-axle trailers, towed by M-50 [AT-T prime movers] (7 Lkw-Transporte mit je 12 ca. 15-17 m langen (angeblich) FK auf 3-achsigen Anhaengern an M-50) shipped to the southern part of the forest.

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3. Area near Tauroggen Farm restricted. Shipments of gravel, sand, red bricks, and steel grid structures, and the construction of protective installations against nuclear radiation effects (Bau von Schutzeinrichtungen gegen atomare Einwirkungen) observed.
4. Restricted area north of Sakalyne. Since the spring of 1959, shipments of construction machines, mobile generators, sand, cement, bricks, iron, and steel observed. Unidentified construction project.
5. Supply of construction material to fenced-in area.
6. Object "Pfundberg." Restricted area since the spring of 1959. Shipments observed: construction machines, dredgers, concrete-mixing machines, cement, bricks, sand, gravel, lumber, finished steel girders, round-bar iron of various sizes, and steel slabs 100 millimeters thick. Control points were established at the barriers on the roads with access to this area. An unidentified number of buildings were completed in late 1959. Unidentified equipment and canvas-covered, unidentified objects, shipped by three military trains, were transloaded to trucks at the Tauroggen railroad station and moved to this area. Railroad personnel were pledged to secrecy. The central construction object of the area south of Tauroggen appeared to be located here.
7. Restricted area in Wischwill Forest. The construction project was presumably carried out in 1957-1959. The heaviest supply of construction material, including concrete masts 12 meters long, took place in the summer and fall of 1958. Road construction and transportation of field guns (FK) were observed.
8. During all 1959, shipments of gravel, sand, cement, fastening iron, steel beams, and unidentified material were observed. The object was allegedly completed in the summer of 1960.
- 9 & 10. Construction work was begun in early May 1959. Both objects were surrounded by a forest, each 200 by 200 meters in size. Through each of these forests, clearings about ten meters wide and 100 meters long were cut in different directions. The arrival of construction machines and material and the driving of concrete piles was observed. Both objects were connected by a gravel road six meters wide.
11. Restricted area in Trappen /Nemanskoye/ Forest. A total of 59 shipments with large arched concrete parts, 18 by 2 by 0.5 meters, arrived in this area from Tilsit.
12. Area near Pasventis, restricted since the spring of 1959. Shipments of gravel, sand, cement, pipes, and iron girders observed. Military construction personnel were not allowed to leave the site.
13. Since the spring of 1959, part of the training ground of Schmallengken /Smalininkai/ Forest had been restricted. The arrival of construction material was observed.
14. Restricted area in Wischwill Forest. [redacted] 50X1-HUM
[redacted] a launching site (Abschussstellung) was located here. 50X1-HUM
15. Restricted area since May 1959. Arrival of construction material. Military construction personnel were not allowed to leave the construction site.
16. Probably restricted since the summer of 1958. Arrival of cement, gravel, bricks, and sand observed between the summer of 1958 and the summer of 1959. In the summer of 1958, new roads were constructed in this area. The construction project was allegedly completed in the fall of 1959.

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17. From August 1959, a non-concrete (nicht betonierte) road, 14 meters wide, was constructed for the Soviet Army.
18. Restricted area. Construction of tunnel under the Memel River underway since the summer of 1959. Compressors and detonations noted. Shipments of sand observed. Allegedly, retractable (versenkbare) launching sites (Abschussstellungen) were connected by the tunnel.
19. Restricted area since about May 1959. Shipments observed contained concrete slabs, sand, cement, stones, gravel, diesel generators, compressors. Drivers and escorts belonged to the engineer service of the naval air force. A new road was built.
20. There were several bunkers in this area, arranged in zigzag formation, with vaulted roofs protruding two meters above the ground. There were slots in the western walls of the bunkers through which structures (Gebilde), eight to ten meters long, protruded toward the west, at an angle of 30 to 40 degrees.
21. Gravel road (see points 9 and 10).
22. Allegedly a restricted area, two by two kilometers, with a construction site.
23. Allegedly a restricted area with a construction site.
24. Newly improved Dunaki-Saigken road.
25. Railroad line and bridge over the Sesuvius [Sesuvius] River.
26. Newly improved road.
27. Newly improved road.
28. Straightening of railroad line.
29. New connecting road.
30. Restricted area since about 1958. Transportation of stones, bricks, cement, and concrete slabs observed. The material was allegedly destined for the construction of barracks. Barracks could be seen from outside the restricted area.
31. Alleged location of launching sites (Abschussstellungen).
32. Restricted area near Rautengrund (EF779988) since May 1959. Shipments of construction material and steel girders to the object observed.

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